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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Welch

A RESOLUTION recognizing Martha Regester.

Whereas, Martha Regester learned from her parents to help those less fortunate;

Whereas, A single mother with four children, Martha Regester worked two jobs to support her children;

Whereas, Although she lived on the edge of desperation, she never felt despair because raising her children was a labor of love;

Whereas, In the late 1940s, Martha Regester met the man of her dreams - Francis Regester;

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Whereas, Martha and Francis married in 1949, and together they had three children;

Whereas, In the 1950s Martha Regester started a nursery school in her home and operated a business called Marty's Babysitting that matched Indiana University students with families who needed babysitters;

Whereas, During the 1960s, Martha Regester helped establish Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF in Bloomington and transported impoverished children to Head Start, a federally funded program for preschoolers;

Whereas, In 2003, as a member of the Perry Township Board of Trustees, Martha Regester refused to let an emergency shelter be shut down;

Whereas, The shelter provided 28 beds for those in need of a place to stay and counseling and case management designed to help people achieve permanent self-sufficiency;

Whereas, In honor of Martha's dedication to the shelter, it became known as Martha's House; and

Whereas, Martha Regester has dedicated her life to helping others: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives thanks
- 2 Martha Regester for her years of dedicated service to her community
- 3 and her state.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Martha Regester.

